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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,246,705 to KASAI, which issued on June 12, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,350,978 to KASAI, which issued on February 26, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,566,641 to SUDA, which issued on May 20, 2003;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. HEI 11-42814, which published on February 16, 1999, together with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. 2001-257729, which published on September 21, 2001, together with an english language translation thereof;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 2545533, which published on May 2, 1997, together with an english language translation thereof.

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Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(I), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents.

Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached.

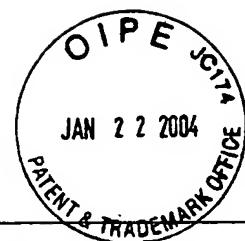
Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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